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Staff meeting this morning.

I saw Dr. Compton afterwards and talked to him about his recent trip around the world.

Laurence Heyworth, British director of Lever Brothers, introduced to me by Jim Bruce, came to see me. He is making a survey of the information activities of the British Government, and is in Washington to discuss matters of mutual interest with our people.

We had a meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board which Tom Finletter also attended. First of all, we decided upon the draft statement to be issued by the President in case the Rosenbergs -- the atom spies -- are executed.

We then took up Finletter and Foster's plan for a statement about [redacted] the H bomb. Messrs. Smith, Kirk and I were against it. Later, Messrs. Finletter and Foster went to see Secretary Acheson on this subject.

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John Collyer, head of Goodrich Rubber Co., and Tom Robins, President of Hewitt-Robins, Inc., both old friends of mine, came to see me. They commended warmly the work done by Armstrong, this Department's rubber expert.

Allen Dulles came to lunch with me. He arrived back this morning from Tokyo. His son had his third brain operation a short time ago, and in the last couple of days has shown a marked improvement. We discussed a great many matters, including Foster's staffing problem in the Department.

Homer Byington came to see me to say [redacted] Jimmy and Mary Dunn are in Chicago for her brother's funeral, and [redacted] Jimmy would be here on

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